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Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS

Claims 6 and 10 have been amended as indicated above. Support for the amendment of claims 6 and 10 is at paragraph [0030] on page 10 of the present specification. As indicated in paragraph [0030], the color of the particles is not limited to white, but light-colored ceramics can be used for detecting fatigue crack or restraining fatigue crack growth in the base material. No new matter has been added and it is respectfully requested that the amendment to claims 6 and 10 be approved and entered.

Non-elected claims 1-4 have been canceled, without prejudice.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention II, claims 5-10, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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